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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" might misleadingly summarize the record. For example, only portions of a single independent claim are mentioned as though each claim contains those portions and as though they are the only recitations that matter to patentability, when it is axiomatic that each claim as a whole is patentable on its own merits independently of other claims. Additionally, the citation to the present specification is fine in and of itself but it must not be interpreted to mean that an infringing system must satisfy the noted objects to infringe. Instead, all an infringing system need do is incorporate each and every element of at least one claim. To the extent that the examiner believes that the cited specification passage should be imposed as a claim limitation, absent the required textual hook to import limitations from the specification into the claims (NTP, Inc. v. Research in Motion, Ltd., CAFC precedential case no. 03-1615, 2005), Applicant does not acquiesce.

Respectfully submitted,



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